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Attached for filing is the patent application of: Inventor: ALLEN et al. SHUTTLE CAR WITH FIXED HEIGHT DISCHARGE BOOM (AS AMENDED) Entitled: and including attachments as noted below: Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application: **Deleted** persons: 20 pages of specification and claims (including 22 numbered claims), and sheets of accompanying drawing/s. 16 Record the attached assignment to and return to the undersigned.

Attached is a Power of Attorney. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following applications: **Application Number** Country 60/230,933 **United States** 60/238.016

13 September 2000 **United States** 6 October 2000 PCT/US01/28369 **PCT** 13 September 2001 , respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached. 図 Certified copy(ies) filed on in prior appln. no. filed April 2, 2003 This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application. Ø This application is a ⊠ continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/380,061, filed April 2, 2003,

pending; which application is the national phase of PCT/US01/28369, filed September 13, 2001; which application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/230,933, filed September 13, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/238,016, filed October 6, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in this application. Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to Phillips Machine Service, Inc., Beckley, West Virginia.

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. 

"Small entity" statement attached. Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

 $\boxtimes$ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement: ☐ Non-Publication Request: ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; 

Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; 

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Basic Filing Fee 770.00 Total effective claims - 20 (at least 20) = x \$ 18.00 0.00 - 3 (at least 3) = 2 0 x\$ 86.00 Independent claims 0.00 If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper) 0.00 SUBTOTAL 770 00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract 0.00)SECOND SUBTOTAL 770.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 0.00

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